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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Riggins et al.

Serial No.: 08/766,307

Examiner: M. Geckil

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Art Unit: 2756

For: System and Method for Globally  
Accessing Computer Services

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before examining the subject application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This preliminary amendment addresses the final office action mailed on October 27 1998. A one-month extension is enclosed herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-18, 20-25, 27-30, 38, 43-47, 49 and 50 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method comprising [the steps of]:  
[establishing] initiating a communications link between a browser stored on a  
client and a server;